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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Annie AUDIBERT et al

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For:

METHOD AND FLUID FOR CONTROLLING THE

SATURATION OF A FORMATION CLOSE TO A WELL

Group:

1712

Examiner:

Tucker

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

April 1, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 2, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 14 as follows:

14. (amended) A water-based well fluid to be circulated in a well passing through a porous, permeable formation, said water-based comprising a maximum of1 g/l of a composition comprising at least one compound selected from the group

